

49. (Amended) The improved arrangement of Claim 48 wherein said memory element comprises a removably mounted digital disk [diskette having thereon a plurality of selectively addressable magnetic sector and track sections, for recording a selected compressed version of a digitized captured image].

62. (Amended) A process for storing a digitized version of data corresponding to [a captured] an image captured by an image capturing device, the process comprising:

storing in a selectively addressable memory in the image capturing device at least one of a plurality of different digital [output] data file format codes, each code corresponding respectively to one of a like plurality of different data file formats for different types of computer programs,

formatting in the image capturing device the digitized version of a captured image in accordance with a selected digital [output] data file format code, and

storing the formatted digitized version in a digital memory directly coupled to the image capturing device.

63. (Amended) The process of Claim 62 further comprising the preliminary steps performed in the image capturing device of:

checking the format of the digital memory for [agreement with a format specified with the selected digital output data format code] compatibility with a predetermined type of information handling device, and

performing memory format initialization of the digital memory whenever [agreement with the selected format] compatibility with the information handling device is not found.

67. (Amended) The device of Claim 66 further comprising:

means for checking format status of the image data memory element to insure [correspondence with the output file format defined by the format data] compatibility with a predetermined type of information handling apparatus and for performing memory format initialization of the image data memory element whenever [correspondence with the output file format defined by the format data] compatibility with the information handling apparatus is not found.

69. (Amended) A process for storing a digitized version of data corresponding to an [a captured] image captured by an image capturing device, the process comprising:

retaining in the image capturing device an indication of a preselected [output] data file format;

retrieving the indication and formatting the digitized version in accordance with a file formatter algorithm corresponding to the retrieved indication; and

storing the indication and formatted digital version in a digital memory element removably mounted to the image capturing device and capable of being coupled to an information handling device having a program utilizing the preselected [output] data file format.

70. (Amended) The process of Claim 69 further comprising the steps of:

after retrieving the indication, checking the memory format of the digital memory element for [agreement with the preselected format] compatibility with the information handling device; and

automatically performing memory format initialization of the digital memory element whenever [agreement with the preselected format] compatibility with the information handling device is not found.

72. (Amended) A video image signal data format translator comprising:

a translator housing;

[An] an input interface in the translator housing for removable receipt of a first memory element containing a first electrical representation of a captured image;

a converter coupled to the input interface and operative to convert the first electrical representation into a second electrical representation;

an output interface in the translator housing for removable receipt of a second memory element normally usable in conjunction with an information handling device; and

a stored program controller in the translator housing operative to arrange the second electrical representation in a preselected format and to present the formatted second electrical representation to the output interface for storage in a second memory element, the format being directly compatible with a program running on the information handling device.

75. (Amended) A video image signal data format translator comprising:

a translator housing;

an input interface in the housing for receipt of a first electrical representation of a captured image;

a converter in the housing coupled to the input interface and operative to convert the first electrical representation into a second electrical representation;

an output interface in the housing for presenting the second electrical representation for use by an information handling device; and

a controller in the housing operative to arrange the second electrical representation in a preselected format directly compatible with the information handling device.

80. (Amended) A method of translating in a signal format translator a first electrical representation of a video image signal into a second electrical representation of the video image signal for storage in [a] an output memory element, the method comprising:

reading the first electrical representation from an input memory element coupled to the translator and presenting the first electrical representation to a converter located in the translator;

converting the first electrical representation into the second electrical representation using the converter;

determining in the translator a preselected format for the second electrical representation;

formatting in the translator the second electrical representation in accordance with the preselected format; and

writing the formatted second electrical representation to the output memory element coupled to the translator thereby enabling direct use of the output memory element with an information handling system utilizing the preselected format.

81. (Amended) The method of claim 80 comprising the additional step of checking in the translator a memory format of the output memory element for agreement with [the] a preselected memory format and initializing the format of the output memory element in accordance with the preselected memory format whenever said agreement is not found.

85. (Amended) The apparatus of Claim 82 further comprising means for checking a format of a digital memory, mounted to the means for mounting, for agreement with [the format] a memory format determined by the format determining code data and for performing memory format initialization of the digital memory whenever agreement with the format so determined is not found.

86. (Amended) The process of Claim 83 further comprising the steps of:

checking a format of the output memory for agreement with [the data file structure] a memory format corresponding to the format determining code; and

performing memory format initialization of the output memory whenever such agreement is not found.

87. (Amended) The translator of Claim 84 further comprising:

means for checking a memory format of an output memory element, coupled to the output interface, for agreement with the format determining code data and for performing memory format initialization of the output memory element whenever such agreement is not found.

99. (Amended) An electronic camera for capturing an image comprising:

digital data format means in the camera for providing a data format code in said camera wherein said format is compatible with the input data format utilizable by a predetermined type of information handling device; and

means in the camera for formatting a digital representation of a captured image in accordance with said digital data format code.

REMARKS

Applicant is filing herewith a request for a one month extension of time for responding to the outstanding Office Action in this case.

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action of April 28, 1997 are respectfully solicited. The above amendments to the indicated claims are being made for the purpose